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members, a fulcrum bar which is adapted to couple said pair of side members to said angle bracket, said pair of side members being capable of pivoting relative to said angle bracket about said fulcrum bar, at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw comprising a contact surface that includes a plurality of surface irregularities, the plurality of surface irregularities on at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being sized and shaped to matingly engage with the plurality of surface irregularities on said upright, said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being capable of pivoting relative to said pair of side members and said angle bracket.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5-11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A lock for mounting an angle bracket on an upright, said lock comprising:

- (a) a pair of side members,
- (b) an outer jaw and an inner jaw coupled to said pair of side members, and
- (c) a fulcrum bar which is adapted to couple said pair of side members to said angle bracket, said pair of side members being capable of pivoting relative to said angle bracket about said fulcrum bar,
- (d) at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw comprising a substantially flat contact surface which is adapted to contact the upright over a planar region, said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being capable of pivoting relative to said pair of side members and said angle bracket.

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5. (Amended) The combination of:

(a) an upright having a plurality of surface irregularities, and

(b) a lock for mounting an angle bracket on said upright, said lock comprising:

(i) a pair of side members,

(ii) an outer jaw and an inner jaw coupled to said pair of side members, and

(iii) a fulcrum bar which is adapted to couple said pair of side members to said angle bracket, said pair of side members being capable of pivoting relative to said angle bracket about said fulcrum bar,

24 (iv) at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw comprising a contact surface which includes a plurality of surface irregularities, the plurality of surface irregularities on said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being sized and shaped to matingly engage with the plurality of surface irregularities on said upright, said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being capable of pivoting relative to said pair of side members and said angle bracket.

6. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 5 wherein the plurality of surface irregularities on said at least one of said inner and said outer jaw are sized and shaped to matingly engage with the plurality of surface irregularities on said upright over a region greater than a line.

7. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 5 wherein said inner jaw is disposed beneath the plane defined by said outer bar and said fulcrum bar.

8. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 7 wherein said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw is pivotally mounted on a bar which is coupled to said pair of side members.

9. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 8 wherein each surface irregularity on said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw includes a tip, at least two of the tips of the plurality of surface irregularities being co-planar.

10. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 8 wherein the plurality of surface irregularities on the contact surface are in the form of a plurality of rasps.

11. (Amended) The combination as claimed in claim 8 wherein the plurality of surface irregularities on the contact surface are in the form of a plurality of ripples.

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Please add the following new claims 20 and 21:

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20. (New) The combination of:

(a) a metal upright, said metal upright having a first surface, and

(b) a lock for mounting an angle bracket on said metal upright, said lock comprising,

(i) a pair of side members,

(ii) an outer jaw and an inner jaw coupled to said pair of side members, and

(iii) a fulcrum bar which is adapted to couple said pair of side members to said angle bracket, said pair of side members being capable of pivoting relative to said angle bracket about said fulcrum bar,

(iv) at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw comprising a substantially flat contact surface which is adapted to contact the first surface of said metal upright over a planar region, said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being capable of pivoting relative to said pair of side members and said angle bracket.

21. (New) The combination of:

(a) a fiberglass upright, said fiberglass upright having a first surface, and

(b) a lock for mounting an angle bracket on said fiberglass upright, said lock comprising,

(i) a pair of side members,

(ii) an outer jaw and an inner jaw coupled to said pair of side members, and

(iii) a fulcrum bar which is adapted to couple said pair of side members to said angle bracket, said pair of side members being capable of pivoting relative to said angle bracket about said fulcrum bar,

(iv) at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw comprising a substantially flat contact surface which is adapted to contact the first surface of said fiberglass upright over a planar region, said at least one of said inner jaw and said outer jaw being capable of pivoting relative to said pair of side members and said angle bracket.

Please cancel claims 12-19 without prejudice.

#### REMARKS

The references cited by the Examiner in the rejections of the claims along with the Examiner's comments have been diligently studied. Reconsideration of the application in light of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-11 have been amended. Claims 12-19 has been canceled. New claims 20 and 21 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-11, 20 and 21 are under active consideration.

Applicant has invented a bracket assembly which includes an angle bracket having a horizontal leg and a vertical leg. A lower bracket arm and a lock are coupled to the angle bracket